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David Cluff Sr. was born 20 June 1795 in Nottingham, Rockingham, New Hampshire. His ancestors were pioneers in the wilds of the New World coming to America with the first New England Colonists. While a youth David, with his family and parents moved into Eastern Canada; for 22 years they tried to convert the wilderness into fruitful fields. He returned to the United States to fight in the War of 1812 then went back to Canada, where at the age of 29 he married Betsey or Elizabeth Hall. They had 11 sons and one daughter. He later married Hannah Chapman who bore him one son who was raised by David and Betsey.

David was a shipbuilder and house carpenter by trade and worked at the Durham, New Hampshire Wharf, later becoming an all around carpenter. In the year 1830 he became interested in the "Mormon" church through Martin Harris. David was seeking truth and was interested in the history of the inhabitants of the American Continent. He was a ready convert and joined the Saints at Kirtland, following them West to the Rocky Mountains, working on the Kirtland and Nauvoo Temples. He and family arrived 3 Oct 1850 in Salt Lake City and after Semi-Annual Conference they went to Provo to live. They lived in the "Log Fort" until they were able to build homes in the surrounding area.

David was very desirous that his sons unite their efforts in financial interests and work together to build an enterprise. They built the "Cluff's Hall" in Provo and joined in other business efforts. In the Fall of 1867, he called his sons who were close around to cooperate in the ranch and stock raising enterprise. They saw the importance of their father's request and located in Ross' Hollow, north of Heber City. Joseph was chosen manager of the Partnership. They called the Ranch "Cluff's Ranch", here Father Cluff (David) engineered the works, displaying an aptness in hewing logs with the broadax that astonished the boys. Joseph had gone to Center Creek in 1861 where there was plenty of Government land subject to entry, but at the outbreak of the Black Hawk War he went back to Provo. It was near the close of the Black Hawk War that Joseph managed the Cluff Ranch at Ross' Hollow, first leased then purchased from Thomas Ross. Joseph went on a Mission and Henry was selected to manage the Ranch on 9 Nov 1872. Henry and his family most of whom were born there, lived on the ranch until 1910 or 1912 when he and wife moved back to Provo. At the organization of the Elkhorn Branch in 1878 Henry was set apart as Presiding Elder, in 1899 Elkhorn Branch was made a Ward and Henry became Bishop. David with his sons, William Wallace, Joseph, Henry, Hyrum, Samuel Sampson, Orson, Alfred and Jerry and possibly others were interested in the Ranch at one time or another, helping to plant and harvest the crops and whatever needed taken care of.

David Cluff left his footprints in Canada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Wyoming, Utah and last of all Arizona. He left Provo 15 Oct 1877 to pioneer in Arizona where he died 6 Dec 1881 and was buried in Pima, Graham, Arizona at 86 years of age.

DAVID CLUFF, SR., AND  
ELIZABETH HALL CLUFF



David Cluff Sr., although not a settler himself, secured property in Wasatch Valley so that his sons could settle the valley. He spent many days helping his sons get established. David was born 20 June 1795 at Nottingham, Rockingham Co., New Hampshire, a son of William and Susannah Runnells Clough. When a small child he went with his family to Danville, Canada. He returned to the United States at the outbreak of the War of 1812 where he served his country. He returned to Canada and



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<p><b>SOURCES OF INFORMATION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cluff Family Journal</li> <li>2. Archive Records and Temple Index Files</li> <li>3. Early Church Information Files</li> <li>4. Family &amp; Legal Records in poss of Lucile Cluff Burgener, Heber, Utah and Pauleen Cluff Foutz, Las Vegas, Nevada</li> </ol> <p>Compiled by: Lucile C. Burgener, Pauleen C. Foutz and Ruth C. Meldrum</p> <p>5. EH Rec #9757 Bk E lvg p 47 for slg of 6th wife</p>	<p><i>contd</i></p>	<p><b>OTHER MARRIAGES</b> #2 David md (2) 27 May 1855 ELMER, Annis Hulda; (3) 6 May 1871 HILL, Olive Caroline. #3 Moses md (2) 14 Feb 1857 BOND, Ann (div) she was sealed to WILSON, Walter 25 Jan 1899 and the children sealed to them 28 Sep 1960 &amp; 19 Dec 1961 SL; (3) 22 Apr 1857 JOHNSTON, Margaret Jane; (4) 11 Oct 1869 LANGMAN, Eliza. #4 Benjamin md (2) 1 May 1856 FOSTER, Eliza. #7 Harvey md (2) 6 July 1877 TILL, Emily Greening; (3) 6 July</p> <p>(Cont on Sheet #2)</p>	<p><b>NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS</b></p> <p>Husb bapt Oct 1832 by Hyrum Smith</p> <p>#5 William Wallace bapt in Miss River Sep 1842 by Peter Shirts.</p> <p>#8 Samuel Sampson bapt by Jesse Haven, also bapt date of 15 Sep 1848</p> <p>#9 Hyrum also rebapt 11 Nov 1877</p> <p>Sealings for #2, #4, #5, #7 done 19 June 1900</p> <p>© 1964 The Genealogical Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Inc.</p>
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